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#### **FLOATS A SCARY IDEA**

Isle photographer David Watkins is entering a float in this year's Ramsgate Carnival and it's set to be frightfully good fun. On board the float, which is under construction, models dressed and made up as creatures from the world of fantasy and horror will stare out at the crowds.

The procession takes place on Sunday, July 26, but the snapper is keen to recruit locals who want to join his band of creatures to add to the party atmosphere. He especially needs people who want to dress up as elves, fairies and creatures from the friendlier end of the fantasy spectrum.

They will walk alongside the float and collect money for the East Kent Unit For Breast Screening and will be made up by David and his team of experts using prosthetics and cutting-edge cosmetics.

If you'd like to take part, email David at drakenphotography@btinternet.com or call him on 0787 7030347.

#### BY TOM BETTS

A POPULAR yacht moored in Ramsgate harbour for years has been moved to Sandwich after its owner decided the cost of keeping it in the town had become too high.

Thanet council has doubled the mooring fees, forcing owner Robert Holden to quit the harbour saying he feels "disappointed" with the situation. The council stopped giving grants out for historic vessels in 2008, and the 50 per cent

reduction that the Emanuel was given for the last two years as a goodwill gesture has also been stopped.

Mr Holden was told he could apply for more funding, but he says that he tried and it was not available to him because he is not a

charity or a property.

He said: "We went through all the hoops and only came back to where we started. We take the view that they either want Emanuel or they don't."

It resulted in the removal of the boat, which is now in Sandwich.

Mr Holden, who has a huge affection for Ramsgate and enjoyed displaying his boat there, said: "Thanet council really doesn't seem to realise the tourism potential of that side of the harbour.

"Our arrangement with them had worked well, but the fees have got too high now. They are losing money as that space on the pontoons in the corner of the harbour is unused.

"It is suited for provision of heritage vessels for display and tourism purposes. We were happy to make it available for free, but if the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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**UNCOVERING HISTORY:** Archaeologists will be on hand to explain what they have found

## Visit a Roman village at Big Dig exhibition

TWO days of history will be held at the site of the East Kent access road in Richborough to show people what archaeologists have discovered.

Experts from the Trust for Thanet Archaeology, the Isle of Thanet Archaeological Society, and Kent Archaeological Society will be at the free event from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

The area became the gateway to England for the Romans, who landed nearby in 43AD, and built a

The dig has unearthed a rare Iron Age and Roman village. It has revealed that circular marks in the ground were drainage ditches dug around the houses and that cobbled tracks ran through the village.
Finds include a water hole, loom

weights showing that some villagers were weavers and iron slag indicating that others were smiths.
Outreach officer David Crawford-

#### BY TOM BETTS

White said: "The first open days were a great success. This is the last chance to see how the history of this part of Kent is being uncovered."

There will be free guided tours of the excavation where the remains of the Iron Age houses can be seen. Family activities include digging

for finds, and making pots.

A free bus service will run between the site office and the excavation. Go to the East Kent Access site offices, Port Richborough Business Park, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9PQ.

The offices are off the southbound carries are off the A256 instrument.

carriageway of the A256, just south of the power station.

You can go by bus on Saturday only, by catching the Stagecoach East Kent buses 88/88a. Get off at the Richborough Pfizer Social Club.

The site office is 300m further south on the A256.

For details go to the website www.eastkent.owarch.co.uk or www.kent.gov.uk/news.

#### Sky's the limit for fun at land and air show

TICKETS are now on sale for this year's Margate's Big Event.

The land and air show at Palm Bay will feature the first display of the season from the famous Red Arrows flying display team and much more.

Tickets, which cost £2 for each day (Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20), are available from Margate Visitor Information Centre, at 12-13
The Parade, Margate. Children
under five will be admitted free.
This year's line-up also includes a
tribute to the Battle of Britain, when

Spitfires will take on German planes in a choreographed display.

There is a full programme of flying on both days, complimented by entertainment on the ground, including live music, street performances and entertainers.

The concert on the Saturday night, which will be at no additional cost to ticketholders, will feature the Magic of the Beatles, with the evening rounded off by a firework display.

#### Commemoration

The event takes place over the Father's Day weekend and there's a unique treat for all dads.

You can book a VIP package for £32 for adults and £10 for children under the age of 12, which includes a fourcourse lunch, welcome drink and canapés on arrival, access to a marquee with special viewing area and traditional afternoon tea.

The ticket also includes VIP free

parking and free entry to the event.

Martin Wise, the council's cabinet member for environmental services, said: "Margate's Big Event is hugely popular with local people and visi-

"As always, we have a superb line-up of events on both days, so the tick-et price of just £2 is a small price to pay for the opportunity to see the first display of 2010 from the Red Arrows in the UK and to enjoy the Battle of Britain commemoration."

Margate's Big Event will be runfrom 10am until 10pm on Saturday and from 10.30am to 6pm on Sunday.

Visitors with large quantities of alcohol will not be allowed in and no dogs other than assistance dogs will be admitted.

For more information, visit www. thanet.gov.uk/margatesbig event

## Fees force yacht to set sail

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council chooses not to do that, then it's their loss."

A Thanet council spokeswoman said: "Historic Vessel Grants were previously available, but these ended

"The harbour gave a 50 per cent reduction to this boat in 2008/09 and 2009/10 as a goodwill gesture, but this was coming out of taxpayers'

"In the current economic climate we can't continue to do this as the harbour is a commercial operation. "The owner was given considerable

information about funding from other sources which he could approach for help to pay for the moor-

In 1934 the Emanuel sailed from

England to Newfoundland and on to the coast of Labrador, where the lone sailor, RD Graham, fell ill.

However, he managed to sail to Bermuda, where the boat stayed for the winter, before he was able to sail it back to across the Atlantic.

It was a remarkable journey for its time, because of the single-handed nature, and Mr Holden spent years lovingly restoring the boat when he came to own it.

Mr Holden says it was a journey he 'wouldn't even dream" of taking.

When the boat first came into the harbour he signed a contract to put it on display for 18 weeks a year for people to see, and display boards charting the Emanuel's fascinating story were put on deck for passers-by



**SHIPPING OUT:** The historic yacht Emanuel



## **Building brighter futures** for children of Chernobyl

SKILLED workers from the Thanet branch of a building firm have travelled to Belarus to help refurbish facilities in a village badly affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Children in the village of Svaryn in the Brest region have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the UK volunteers from the Mears Group, who hope to make a real difference to the youngsters' everyday lives by refurbishing four sets of toilets and a dining area.

They will also upgrade IT facilities at the local school, as well as handing over sports,

recreational and craft equipment.

Goods such as football kits, footballs, basketballs, basketball hoops, table tennis sets, sewing machines and DIY kits are among the donations they will hand over, and Mears spe-

#### BY TOM BETTS

cialists will convert an existing classroom into a

The project is the idea of Mears Group's regional manager for east Kent, Ian Blackman.

He said: "We have a number of plans for the future, including setting up our own hosting scheme throughout Mears, in partnership with the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline. "This will enable groups of children to visit

the UK and enjoy for a time, fresh air, uncontaminated food and water as well as many of the things that are not available to them at home."

The Mears Group works on the project with support from the charity Chernobyl Children's

The materials and equipment for the project

were taken over by lorry, vans and minibuses.

The people in Svaryn village and its surrounding area are still affected by the explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor in 1986, 24

Long-term exposure to low dose radiation, which remains in the food chain and water courses, results in a continuing high incidence of cancer-related illnesses in children throughout Belarus and neighbouring country, the Ukraine.

Funding for the construction of the school at Svaryn was curtailed following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989 and school buildings are of a low standard.

Belarus spends approximately 20 per cent of its available budget on dealing with the effects of Chernobyl and its growth as a country is significantly influenced by this.

#### **Medals haul for** martial-arts club

ANOTHER clutch of medals has been won by the Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Team.

Six students went to the UTF Olympic Taekwondo One-to-One competition in London and came back with four golds and three silvers between them.

Coach Leszek Grela said he was proud

of their efforts, and said all of the students fought bravely and with commit-

Golds came from Katarzyna Grela in the -63kg juniors, Jakub Grela in the +58kg cadets, Joseph Mitchell in the -50kg cadets and Magda Jarkiewicz in the -67kg seniors class.

Silvers were won by Katarzyna in the -59 juniors, Ethan Stoke in the -31kg children's and Mateusz Wawryszuk in the -40kg children's class.

Leszek said: "The whole team has done really well and hopefully we will do even better at the next tournament in July."

Six students were involved in the com-

If you would like to get involved with the Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Team then phone or text Leszek Grela on 0777 8567355.



**COMMITMENT:** Coach Leszek Grela with the six taekwondo students he took to London

#### **Elderly ladies'** bags snatched

POLICE are appealing for information after two elderly women were mugged in Westgate-on-Sea in the space of five days.

A 75-year-old woman had been shopping and was in Dent de Lion Road at about 8.50am on Friday,

June 4, when she was pushed over and her bag snatched. Her knees were bruised in the fall.

And at 10pm on Tuesday, June 8, a 78-year-old woman was walking with friends in Station Road after a meal out when she felt a thump on her back that caused her to lose her balance. Her bag was snatched.

The thief is described as about 18 and wearing a dark-coloured jacket with the hood up.

Police officers are examining CCTV footage from cameras in Westgate for clues and anyone with information should call Det Con Mike Freeman on 01843 222068.

Local councillor Simon Moores said: "This is not the kind of thing we want happening in Westgate.'

A similar incident was reported to Yourthanet in which a group of people came out of a Indian restaurant in Cuthbert Road last week.

They were approached by two youths. One ran past and punched a woman in the shoulder, grabbing a bag and running off with it.

One of the group gave chase, but the pursuer said the two youths had run off "very fast".

## Council gets power to refuse garden homes

POWERS to stop people building on their gardens have been handed to Thanet council.

Following an announcement from the Department for Communities and Local Government last Wednesday, the authority will now have the power to reject unsuitable planning applications.

It means new homes on garden land that could ruin the area's character can be refused very early on.

The reclassification of gardens will not stop people making extensions to their homes.

To date, planning guidance has classified gardens as previously developed land, putting it in the Brownfield category with derelict factories and disused railway sidings.

Under the new rules, private gardens are removed from this category, so local authorities will have more power to refuse planning permission for any development deemed to be inappropriate.

The announcement comes after recently-published Government figures showed the proportion of new houses built on previously developed land such as gardens had risen dra-

It has jumped from one in 10 to one in four between 1997 and 2008.

The new government has reversed the requirement for new housing to be built at a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare and it will now be acceptable for the council to give permission for lower density housing development.

A council spokesman said: "This means councils will be able to use their discretion and work with the local community to deliver the right mix of affordable homes for the area and in turn provide housing that reflects the local context more appropriately."

Leader of Thanet council, Bob Bayford said: "This is welcome news for us here in Thanet. It is a step that will transform our ability to prevent unwanted development and gives us more power to protect green spaces.

"In recent years the council has sought to encourage developers to reduce the density in new develop-ment and we have refused a number of planning applications for the dem-olition of larger houses to build flats in the gardens.

"Today's change in the definition of garden land will make it easier for us to prevent such development and will give the council more say over the type of development that we approve."



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## Campaigners vow to battle on despite loss of advantage

A LENGTHY battle to save a set of tennis courts in Ramsgate looks to be at an end.

Hoot, the group that opposed the sale of the Montefiore courts in Montefiore Avenue, has accepted the fight is all but over after an inspector reached a decision that has proved

hugely damaging to its hopes.

Thanet council wants to sell the courts to raise capital and ease its cash crisis as part

of an asset-disposal programme.

Hoot, which stands for Hands Off Our Tennis, launched a campaign to save the courts and put in a bid for village green status that would have safeguarded the site.

#### Decision

However, that bid looks to have resulted in failure with last week's announcement of the inspector's recommendation.

A final decision will be taken by Kent County Council, the registration authority, which is expected to follow the advice of the inspector.

Alan Poole is a Montefiore ward councillor

and one of Hoot's leaders.

He said: "We are very disappointed with the inspector's recommendation. Thanet council spent three years and a huge amount of public money to deprive the community of access to a piece of land that belongs to the people of Ramsgate."

Despite the blow, Hoot has vowed to fight

#### BY TOM BETTS

on. Michelle Fenner, who also represents the ward, said: "The final decision rests solely with the KCC Regulation Committee Member Panel.

"It is anticipated that the committee will meet in July or August - we will send our comments to the meeting.

"We will reiterate the strong opposition by the community to the sale of the land and we will urge KCC elected members to keep this land for public use. This was the reason it was originally purchased by Ramsgate Borough Council in 1948.

"We urge residents to contact KCC to express their opposition to the loss of this public-amenity land.

"As ward councillors, we will be campaigning to raise a new petition from residents against this decision."

A Thanet council spokeswoman said: "The inspector's report has only made a recommendation which means no final decision has yet been made – we will wait to hear the response from the KCC Regulation Committee Member Panel.

"The sale of the site would, however, enable the provision of new and improved all-weather tennis courts, along with additional parking for these facilities, as the sale would offer Thanet council the opportunity of a significant capital receipt."

## **NEWS** IN BRIEF

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#### Taking action about noise

A LOUD-mouthed Broadstairs girl has been named as Thanet's noisiest, following a competition to celebrate Noise Action Day.

A competition was held to find the isle's loudest youngster, with Paige Crow scooping the prize.

Her shouts registered 121 decibels – the equivalent to a fire-engine's sirens. Last year's winner only managed to hit 106.5db.

Paige won a £25 WHSmith voucher, along with flowers and chocolates donated by Asda.

The contest was organised by Thanet council's environmental protection team. Officers spent the day at Asda in Broadstairs, high-

lighting the work they do.
Chris Wells, cabinet member for community services, said: "It's about ensuring the public understand the work our environmental protection team do and how they help.

"It's also a great opportunity to remind people just how intrusive noise can be."

#### A fair day for summer fun

THE Friends of Hartsdown Technology College at Margate are holding an indoor summer fair at the campus in George V Avenue on Saturday, July 3.

The free event takes place from 10am to 3pm and attractions include a tombola, refreshments, books, plants, face-painting, crafts, textiles, health and beauty, jewellery, cakes, fruit and veg, information services and much more.

If you want to have a stall or to find out more information about the event, phone the college reception on 01843 227957.

#### Dance the 40s night away

A 1940s nostalgia dance will be held in Birchington next week.

The dance, which will include period music, a raffle and a tombola, takes place at Birchington Village Centre on Saturday, July 24, from 7.30pm-11.30pm.

Tickets are £7 in advance or £8 on the door, and people are encouraged to wear 40s-style

clothing to get into the spirit of things.

All funds raised will be shared between Demelza House Hospice, the Thanet branch of Cats In Crisis and Animals Asia Foundation, which rescues moon bears from Chinese bile farms.

## Do you know this man?

POLICE have released the e-fit image of a man they are keen to speak with in relation to a robbery in Ramsgate.

The incident happened at about 3.25am on Sunday, May 16, in Winifred Avenue,

A 20-year-old man was walking with a friend when they met two other men, whom they began chatting to.

Suddenly one of the men punched the 20-year-old in the face and the other man demanded money. The victim said did not have any money, but his friend handed over his mobile phone.

One of the suspects is described as a white male, aged between 22 and 23 years old, about 6ft 2in tall and of slim build. He had dark-brown, short, spiky hair and wore a blue-and-black-check shirt.

The other suspect is also said to be white, aged between 21 and 22, about 5ft 11in tall and of stocky build.

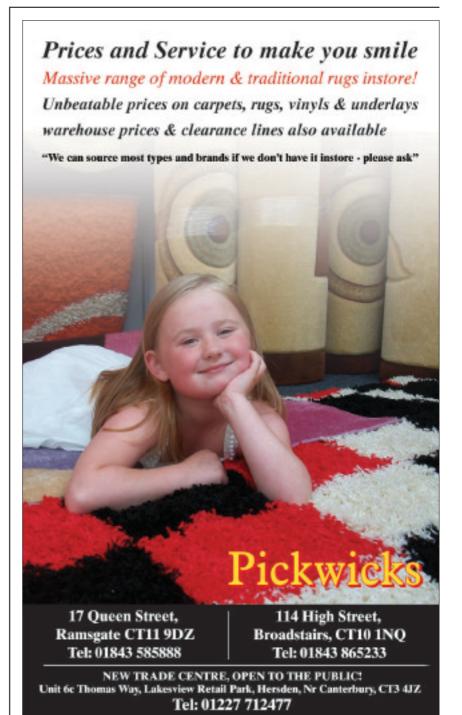
He had short, dark-brown, spiky hair and wore a black, long-sleeved shirt with the arms rolled up.

If anyone recognises the man in the effit, they are asked to contact DC Watford



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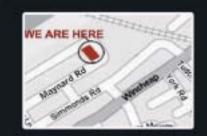
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## Art chiefs sing praises of Turner development

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REPRESENTATIVES from Arts Council England South East paid a visit to Margate last week, voicing their pleasure at how construction of the Turner Contemporary gallery is progressing.

The iconic white-glass-cladding has now started to be added to the exterior, which will transform the look of the building.

The main staircase and window frames have been installed and work has been carried out on the entrance area.

A pedestrian ramp to the front terrace is finished and the tower cranes are expected to leave the site by August.

Among the representatives from the South East Regional Board for Arts Council England

to see the gallery was Sarah Hohler. She has championed the gallery since her time as deputy leader of Kent County Council.

She said: "It is a real pleasure to see the building taking shape and in this role with ACE I have the opportunity to show colleagues how this project is the way forward for arts and

regeneration in the region."
Arts Council England South East is a significant funder of the gallery and has put forward £4.1 million for the project.

The party visited on Wednesday.



**ON SCHEDULE:** Building at the Turner Contemporary should be finished this year and the opening will take place next spring

Sally Abbott, regional director of Arts Council South East, said: "We have shared the vision for this bold and exciting project for some time and are delighted to be in Margate to visit with our council members the emerging gallery and note the progress being made.

"We have also been able to meet partners and others committed to the project and are all looking forward to the gallery opening next year."

Along with the £4m from the South East

England Development Agency and £6.4m from KCC as the major funder, the building is on track to be completed later this year and opened in spring 2011.

KCC's cabinet member for community services, Mike Hill, said: "We are tremendously grateful to Arts Council England for their continued support for Turner Contemporary and welcomed their visit to show first-hand how the building work is progressing.

"ACE's commitment and understanding of how the gallery will help revitalise the town is very much appreciated as they champion the arts across the country."

The visit also included KCC's managing director for community services, Amanda Honey, the director of Turner Contemporary, Victoria Pomery, and Turner Contemporary Trust chairman John Kampfner.

#### **Choirs to unite for Granville concert**

A HUNDRED singers from eight choirs will come together for a public performance at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate.

The event is being brought to the isle by the Sidney De Haan Research Centre For Arts and takes place at the theatre on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm.

The choirs are part of an east Kent network for people with a history of serious and enduring mental-health issues.

The event coincides with the national Universities Week campaign What's The Big Idea?, highlighting the role of universities and their impact on the economy, culture, society and the environment.

Research work by Canterbury Christ Church University's Sidney De Haan Centre demonstrates the value of group-singing in relation to health and well-being.

#### **Serial killer Tobin's** new date for appeal

MURDERER Peter Tobin has been given a new date to appeal against the sentence he received for killing a Scottish schoolgirl.

The killer, who lived in Irvine Drive,

Margate, for a time, received a 30-year jail term for Vicky Hamilton's death but

thinks it is too long.

Tobin abducted Vicky from a bus-stop in Falkirk in 1991 and buried her remains at the Margate address

The appeal will be heard in a Scottish court on Thursday, July 22, after an earlier attempt was delayed when he fell ill.

Last year Tobin was also jailed for life for the murder of teenager Dinah McNicol.

Her body was also found in the Margate garden and Tobin, 63, is known to have murdered Polish student Angelika Kluk.





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## yourlocalinterview

#### **QUESTION** & ANSWER

### IAN LOCKYER



#### Tell us a little about yourself

A I am married with two children and live in Ramsgate. My full-time job is marketing manager for Icom UK.

I am one of a few marketers on the isle who have chartered status. I have been awarded fellowships of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Institute of Direct Marketing. As a marketer you have to continually develop and that's why I got involved with Thanet Speakers Club.

#### () What is the Thanet Speakers Club?

A public-speaking club that is part of the Association of Speakers Clubs.

The club has a clear objective: to practise and improve public-speaking in a relaxed and friendly environment. The club meets twice a month at the Royal Temple Yacht Club on Thursday evenings (the second and fourth of each month). Meetings start at 8pm and last two hours.

Meetings provide a structure for learning through a programme of speeches that covers a variety of aspects of speaking that are suitable for even the most inexperienced speaker to tackle. Starting with an 'ice-breaker' short speech, members are encouraged to progress through the different skills and consider the use of the voice, props, passion and other attributes of a polished speaker.

Each speech receives an evaluation from an established member who focuses on the positive aspects while identifying aspects that could be improved.

The second half of the meeting is used to improve ad hoc speaking. A topic is offered to members, who give a two-minute speech without preparation. The meeting is conducted in an atmosphere of fun that ensures personal growth and development.

#### What is your position at the club?

A I look after the website. Go to www. thanetspeakers.org.uk for details about the club. I was recently elected publicity officer.

#### How did you get involved?

I started with Thanet Speakers Club about ten years ago, when I realised I needed to increase my confidence and get over my fear of public-speaking.

Circumstances dictated that I moved to the club in Canterbury called Chaucer Speakers, where I was made president. I now find myself going back to my roots at Thanet.

#### Now do other people get involved?

Either visit our website to find out more, or contact me on 01843 592785 or via email at i.lockyer@sky.com. You can then decide to

make a visit and observe – there will be no pressure to join or to speak.

#### What contribution does the club make to isle life?

We have people of all ages and from all walks of life who each attend for different reasons. Some want to improve their career prospects, some want to get over the fear of public-speaking and some attend for their love of the spoken word.

I get a buzz from seeing new people come to the club and in six months seeing them transformed into confident public-speakers.

#### What is the future for the club?

The recession could force people into alternative and cheaper forms of training. If we can convince people that for an investment of £2 a meeting, we can change their life and improve their prospects, then I think we have a big contribution to make.

#### What are your favourite things about Thanet?

A I am proud of the isle. We have great people, great countryside and fantastic transport links. Some places need attention, but with the Turner Contemporary and the redevelopment of Dreamland we will see regeneration. I got my karate black belt on the isle and am a member of Thanet Roadrunners.

Ian Lockyer, 41, marketing manager and member of Thanet Speakers Club, talks to **Tom Betts** about living life to the full on the isle and the buzz he gets from seeing club newcomers grow in confidence







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## New tenants are needed to take on pavilion lease

NEW tenants are being sought for Westgate Pavilion after the building was repossessed.

The building's future has once again been plunged into doubt as it was taken back into Thanet council control on Wednesday last week.

Westgate Pavilion Ltd failed to file company counts and it was struck off the register at Companies House.

It now ceases to exist as a company.

Former venue boss Kevin Crace said: "It's very complicated, but the situation is related to a court case, which is currently ongoing, so I cannot say too much due to the nature of

Mr Crace said he was sorry that the Westgate

Pavilion could not flourish.

He said: "I wished I could have made it work. I'm a bit shell-shocked, but that's the way it goes sometimes. Trading conditions are very difficult out there.

"I hope I have left it in a better state than we found it in as a lot of renovations have been done and I hope someone can make it

#### BY TOM BETTS

The council is inviting those with suitable experience who are interested in managing the venue to contact its property management department.

A spokeswoman said: "The council is keen to find new tenants for the premises as soon as possible to minimise disruption to the groups who currently use the venue.'

The property is being publicly advertised. Each application will be considered on its merits and the new lease will be offered to the applicant that the council considers will provide a secure future for the venue.

#### Disappointing

The property has been secured temporarily to protect it from potential damage.

Mr Crace appeared on the scene to save the pavilion when its future was on the line.

The council said it could not pay for the costly renovations that were needed under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Simon Moores, the council's cabinet member



**SORRY SIGHT:** Westgate Pavilion has been boarded up after being taken back into the control of Thanet council

for customer services, regulatory services and Ramsgate marina, said: "This is a popular landmark community venue that is valued and well used by local people.

"For this reason we are inviting any interested parties to contact the council so that the building can be returned to its most appropriate use as soon as possible.

In the circumstances, the temporary closure of the building is disappointing and is having an unfortunate impact on the many different community groups who currently use it."

Interested parties are invited to contact the property management department to discuss their proposals on 01843 577024 or 577016.





**FAKE PCs:** E-fit of the bogus officers the real police want to talk to regarding forced entry and burglary

#### **Crooks dressed as** PCs dupe woman then burgle home

IMAGES have been released of two men who posed as police officers during a burglary.

The incident happened on Friday, April 30, at about 7pm, when two men wearing police or security-guard uniforms forced their way into the house of a 50-year-old woman in Birchington. It is reported that after she answered

the door they forced entry and stole cash. a handbag and a DVD-player.

One is described as white, aged between 20 and 30, of slim build and

The other is white, aged between 20 and 30, of stocky build and has short, dark-brown hair.

Police are urging people to use security chains and door spy-holes when they answer the door.

Anyone with information should phone PC Robert Goodban on 01622 690690 quoting reference EY/007700/10.

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## The watering place





#### BY NICK AMES

THE town of Broadstairs is ready to celebrate its unique literary heritage as the Dickens Festival celebrates Victorian England's greatest man of letters.

It starts this Saturday and runs until Friday, June 25 – although the following day will see a fair still taking place, as it has done all week, in Victoria Gardens.

This popular annual event ensures that the spirit of the world-famous writer Charles Dickens is kept alive. From lectures on Dickens's life and works to a country fair, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Dickens visited Broadstairs regularly from

Dickens visited Broadstairs regularly from 1837 until 1859 and immortalised the town as "Our English Watering Place".

He would spend hours writing at Bleak House, the inspiration for one of his bestknown works. The festival was founded in 1937



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## awaits, Mr Dickens

and has become an integral part of Thanet's summer season.

The customary Victorian village cricket match and other traditional events, such as concerts and performances from local schools, will also take place.

In the past, bathing parties in Viking Bay have included a Victorian-style picnic with entertainment, while best-dressed Victorian competitions always draw a variety of contestants in finest Dickensian attire to Victoria Gardens - as can be seen in the wonderful pictures on these pages. Prizes will be presented for the best-dressed lady, best-dressed gentleman and the best-dressed families.

Saturday sees a costume exhibition at Crampton Tower and a performance of The Old Curiosity Shop at Broadstairs Pavilion which runs during the entire festival.

It starts at 7.45pm each day and tickets cost £9, and £4 for children. Musical entertainment and guided walks take place throughout the week and people with an eye for history will enjoy the many lectures and exhibitions held on Charles Dickens.







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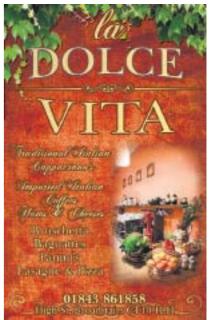
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#### **BREAK TIME**

## Prize is fair trade for winning comp

A FAIRTRADE in-store points card for shoppers has won a design competition award for a group of youngsters from Chatham House Grammar School.

Tom Gaveril and Edward Johnston impressed judges at the national PrintIT awards run by Proskills with their idea aimed at encouraging more people to support the Fairtrade scheme.

support the Fairtrade scheme.

The event was part of the IPEX print expo at Birmingham NEC and it was the second year running that the school reached the final of the competition.

It has attracted as many as 100,000 entries from 1,000 schools.

The boys won digital cameras and Adobe Pantone software as well as £1,500 worth of equipment for the school.

## Problems solved at click of the mouse

YOUNGSTERS at St Peter's junior school are using the school website as a vehicle to help solve personal problems.

Year 5 pupils put forward the idea to have a problem page on which a fresh issue or topic suggested by a pupil will be posted each week.

Answers or suggestions on how best to deal with the challenge are then posted by other pupils.

A staff member will select the problem from those submitted and all communications will be vetted by a member of staff as well.

The website page will be secure and safe for youngsters to use.

# Students were first-class in Royal Mail assignment

#### BY TOM BETTS

THE stamp of approval has been given by the Royal Mail to a group of Broadstairs IT Diploma students

The year ten group from The Charles Dickens School impressed the company's managers, who set them an assignment to promote their special delivery service.

After a visit to the Royal Mail sorting office at Ramsgate, the students worked in teams to produce the best marketing materials.

They won praise for their presentations and the range and quality of media used to advertise the service.

Some innovative approaches were devised, with social networking used to target new customers and one group used Skype technology to collaborate with a team-mate who was unable to be there on the day.

Lee Sennett, director of E-learning at the school, said: "The teamwork and communication skills demonstrated were first-class and the students really got to grips with their assignment. They really impressed the Royal Mail managers."

The 14 to 19 Diploma – the Government's latest learning programme aimed at giving students the knowledge and skills for success in higher education, training and employment – was introduced at The Charles Dickens School in September last year.

Mr Sennett, director of E-learning, is delighted at the response during its first school year.



WE'RE IMPRESSED: Student Matthew Leonard, left, was praised for his work in promoting a special delivery service

He said: "It is a terrific way to learn and the diploma is an effective way of ultimately enabling a student to become more employable."

The Charles Dickens IT programme has a strong emphasis on work-related learning.

Students have already carried out a 'safety in the IT environment' project at the Kent Innovation Centre headquarters of the Education Business Partnership at Westwood, taken up work placements at the Sandwich complex of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and gained an exclusive peek behind the scenes at the

giant Microsoft corporation  ${\rm HQ}$  at Reading in Berkshire.

The corporation was so impressed with the interest shown by the Charles Dickens team that it gave them a number of software packages that will enable an after-school IT club to work on designing games programmes.

The visitors were also treated to a tour of the complex, including the innovation centre and a touch-screen PC project called MS Surface, which uses contact technology and infra-red

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## Understanding the Spirit's soul





IVE been writing about the ferry industry out of Dover for two decades, but the launch last week of the first of the two giant P&O ferries was something special for me.

Dover's ferry industry is always interesting and carries a little bit of glamour. They may be 'only ferries' to some people, but to someone like me they are ships.

During my time in Kent I've crossed the Channel more times than I can calculate. Nothing beats that excitement as you drive off on the wrong side of the road with the whole of Europe before you.

And on the way back, there's something emotive about the White Cliffs and your return to England, even it's only from a day out.

The port dominates Dover life. Many earn their living from it and it draws the town into dozens of national and international connec-

tions, from illegal immigration to road transport.

During my 20-odd years in this county I've written about the planning, construction and completion of the Channel Tunnel; we've seen a succession of smaller ferry operators arrive at, and depart from, Dover (as well as the growth of some); and of course the almost weekly industrial-relations stories

The seen a handful of ferries 'launched', including the dome-topped Stena Pantasia in 1990.

Now, real ferry buffs know the Fantasia was actually ten years old already and had been chopped about by the time she arrived.

And they'll also know that when the Stena name was lost eight years later, she became the POSL Canterbury, then the PO Canterbury before she was laid up in 2003 and then sold on to a new life. Most passengers don't care, they just want their food and duty-

But those same ferry fans also know that the old Fantasia could still be found working (she

operates out of Poland under the name Wawel). Ferries are frequently sold, refitted and moved around the world to new lives.

And that is why the complete build of a brand-new ferry is a big deal. A very big deal.

We are in a recession and the commitment of 360 billion euros (around £300 million) by P&O's Arab owners to two new ferries makes it even more special.

I met a lot of ferry buffs last week in Finland, at the Rauma shipyard where both the ships are being built.

These were the people for whom this new behemoth's launch was an event they had anticipated for months.

Alongside the excited P&O chief executive, chairman and senior staff and the Finnish shipbuilder STX's proud bosses and workers – who are ahead of schedule on their build – the

ferry enthusiasts made the day special for me.
On Tuesday, June 8, 2010, the new Spirit of Britain was floated in her dry dock for the first time, and I understood their passion.

Forget the fact that she is a huge ship with the best 21st-century technology making her her more manoeuverable and economical than

the ferry that she will replace.
Forget the fact that the unfinished interior reminded me more of the complexity of a Canary Wharf skyscraper than a beast whose purpose is to transport thousands of people and tons of cargo between Britain and the Continent quickly, efficiently and in comfort.

And let's not dwell on the fact that something this big would have been unimaginable when I first began writing about Dover in

1989. None of that matters.

The launch of a new ship is an emotional event. It took seven hours to flood the dry dock and then the ship was ready to be moved.

I watched for more than an hour as this skyscraper of a ferry, which dwarfed men and the tugs, was manoeuvred a few hundred yards from the dock.

She was no longer a million pieces of welded metal. Instead, she had come alive and I understood the passion of the ferry buff and I knew she had a soul.

## SISTER: Hull section of The Spirit of France



#### **FACT FILE**

#### The Spirit of Britain • The Spirit of Britain (NB1367), built for P&O Ferries by STX Europe's Rauma shipyard, launched June 8, 2010.

- Sea trials for the 49,000-tonne ferry expected from mid-October. She should go into service in January, 2011.
- She is 213 metres long with a capacity for 180 trucks and 195 cars. The vessel has capacity for 1,750 passengers.

A traditional coin-laying ceremony also took place the same day to mark the start of the assembly work on the ship's sister vessel, The Spirit of France, in the same Rauma dry dock.





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#### **Teachers' attitudes** must be challenged

Shame on those head-teachers who have decided to stop lookedafter children being taught in Thanet schools (Yourthanet. June 2).

This proposal is nothing less than educational apartheid directed at excluding innocent children with special needs from our schools.

Before deciding these children are second-class citizens, not worthy of being taught in Thanet, perhaps these so-called 'educators' should have read the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which, in my view, almost certainly makes their proposal illegal.

Surely the right thing to do is to tackle the politicians about lack of resources, rather than punish children whose only crime is to have had tragically difficult starts to their young lives.

But what makes me most angry are the comments attributed to Andy Somers, head of Hartsdown Technology College. Hartsdown has a proud record of support and inclusion for vulnerable students

As a parent-governor of Foreland School, I was looking forward to working closely with Mr Somers and his team when the new Foreland school was built on the Hartsdown

Now, however, I feel it will be very difficult for me (and I suspect others associated with Foreland School) to work with someone who appears to be opposed to helping children with special educational needs.

Personally, I believe Mr Somers's comments have jeopardised what might have been a very successful relationship between Foreland and Hartsdown schools.

His support for action which, I believe, is illegal, discriminatory and morally wrong, will make it difficult for me to work with him and have any confidence in his judgement.

I will be raising my concerns with colleague governors and the head-teacher at Foreland School.

Perhaps it would be helpful if Mr Somers was to reconsider what he was reported as saving and meet the Foreland governors to reassure us that he is not acting in a bigoted, prejudicial manner.

**Ian Driver Broadstairs** 

## yourblogger

Ross Emans ponders the filthy state of Margate and says we should all do more to cut the clutter,

TRAVELLING from Margate station along the seafront into the town centre has been a depressing journey at the best of times in recent years.

Even before you leave the station you see a closeddown café. Then you are confronted with the unavoidable eyesore that is Arlington House, the indisputable winner of 'Margate's ugliest building' if ever there was such an award.

You continue past the desolate Dreamland site, closed-down cinema, a few uninviting bars, tiredlooking amusement arcades, run-down apartment buildings and boarded-up shops until you reach the town centre, with more closed-down shops

And yet, when you look away from the town, you realise what brought visitors to Margate in the first place: the broad, golden sweep of the beach and the fantastic sea views. Gazing out towards the sea you can temporarily forget the ugliness and tawdriness behind you. The views out to sea are a real highlight on my way to and from work and it is obvious why so many artists have been attracted to the town.

So you can imagine how my heart sank when I cycled past the beach on Monday, May 24, after the hottest day of the year so far to see the beach covered in rubbish. There was barely a square foot of sand that didn't have a bottle, can, crisp-packet or some other piece of detritus blighting it. The bins on the

beach were overflowing like fountains of filth.

There are clearly many people who think 'So what?' The council employs litter-pickers. The beach can be cleaned up in time for the next hot day.

That is true, and indeed the following day when I went past, there was a considerable improvement. But why should the council have to spend so much money picking up all the discarded rubbish? It should not have been there in the first place. And what about all the plastic rubbish that was blown into the sea, where it will take decades, if not centuries, to degrade?

Putting rubbish in the bin is a basic courtesy to others that is patently lacking among many visitors to Margate's beach and town centre.

Admittedly, there may be an issue with the public litter-bins not being emptied frequently enough on busy days, and Thanet council's record on wastemanagement and recycling is frankly shameful. But that is no excuse; if the bin is full and you can't find another, you take your rubbish home with you and dispose of it there.

If Margate wants to avoid being labelled a dump, then people – locals and visitors alike – must stop treating it like one. When Arlington House starts to look more attractive than the beach, then any hope of the town recapturing its heyday is surely doomed.

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#### **Brits are losing out** to foreign workers

English cabbies are quite understandably up in arms over the vast numbers of east European drivers who they feel are competing against them in the area.

Seeing their takings plummet because vast hordes of economic migrants have been given jobs must be disheartening for Kentish cabbies.

Cab firms are obviously demonstrating sound business acumen by employing foreign drivers who are prepared to work 70-hour weeks. These company bosses are only interested in profitability, not equity.

With more than two-and-a-half million potential British workers languishing on job-seekers' allowance, it is evident the European Union's open market holds greater opportunities for migrant workers in this country than it does our own native population.

If our government isn't prepared to prioritise the employment rights of British citizens, how can it ever expect to get millions of people off benefit and back into work?

Foreign labourers are unfairly occupying vacancies that should be filled by our own unemployed.

This must not be confused with a race issue. It is all about redressing the balance in the British jobs

> Clive Wilkins-Oppler Canterbury

#### **Council savings: all a** matter of definition

Canterbury, Thanet and Dover councils have appointed a new director, three new senior managers and a new office manager at a cost

of a third of a million pounds a year. All this to hopefully start making some savings in two years' time.

By the time any possible savings do start [in the third year] the first million pounds they 'save' will just be paying for that year's and their back wages. Marvellous.

Cllr Alex Perkins (Lib Dem) **Canterbury City Council** 

#### **Just treat blogger's** waffle with disdain

I'm forced to respond last week's blogger.

There was so much waffle it was hard to define the right line.

Mind you, the spin lost any merit by including the Falkland Islands and Northern Ireland, which were two totally different situations

Yet to refer back to the Nuremberg Trials was insulting towards our soldiers.

In fact, one could go so far as to sav Ian Macmillan was almost inciting treason. Which, luckily for him, today means life and not a hanging.

He insults the thousands of

Britons who work and serve in foreign lands in all forms, not least as soldiers.

His waffle is stained by appeasement - the byword for terrorism and anarchy - while he has no idea of the reality in Belgium or The Netherlands, or for that matter of many of our so-called EU partners' attitudes to defence.

Must we continue to listen to such drivel and malcontent from someone who claims to be grateful?

As for debt, he's blind-sided by ignorance of reality and life in the real world.

If this is the attitude of such a grateful person, all I can say is it's time you renounced your British nationality and moved to North Korea or Iran, where I'm sure they would welcome vou.

Derek R Packham

#### Ask islanders if they valued troops' effort

Last week's blogger seemed to have it in for the servicemen and women who are currently risking their lives in Afghanistan.

He seemed to equate them with the Nazis in his final paragraph in an identical manner to that stated by the BNP's Nick Griffin when he spoke about senior British Army officers.

While suggesting the military should be starved of funds, does he not realise that a lack of equipment

such as armoured vehicles and helicopters will lead to more deaths?

Also he suggests that anyone who thinks it was worth fighting to retake the Falkland Islands should just refer to an atlas.

Why not ask the people who live there which country they would prefer to govern them?

If they replied Argentina, fair enough - hand over the islanders' homes as a matter of urgency. But I don't really think that would happen, do you?

**Paul Bright** 

#### Four should go into one to ease burden

The burden of bureaucracy will be debated at length, ad nauseam, in the next three to four weeks and in

The burden of bureaucracy in east Kent should be a prime target and justifiably so.

In east Kent we have four district councils performing the same function.

To achieve this, we have four chief executives, four expensive management teams, four of everything, including the costs of several departments' governance, finance, development (planning and regeneration), property and procurement, revenue and benefits. housing and, last but certainly not least, 200 councillors when 50 will

To remove this unnecessary bureaucracy, we require one council of east Kent. Each of the four districts will be represented by their chosen councillors.

That's democracy.

Our town and parish councils will be more effective and more able to inform and advise their particular councillors of their people's requirements. Our councillors will be more accountable.

Will sense prevail soon? Better than later.

> Reg Hansell Shepherdswell

#### Sex and the City not every woman's goal

While the World Cup is a very welcome event every four years, there is something that comes alongside it which is not.

Every time the tournament is held, there is a parade of boring, opinionated columns in national newspapers whimpering on about why it's a bad thing, usually written by women.

They offer mind-numbing shopping alternatives and this year the rotten Sex and the City 2 movie as alternatives to watching matches.

Many women, such as myself, do and feel patronised to death by this sort of rubbish.

I'm a woman, proud to be a woman and - know what? - I've always loved football. There's more to women than just shopping machines.

#### **Cutting-edge shot** too hot for council

A HAIRDRESSER'S provocative poster of his wife has upset councillors and residents in a conservation area.

Marcello Marino

put up the poster of wife Yaice on the side of his salon in West Cliff Road, Ramsgate.

Some residents are upset that she is wearing an unbut-toned jacket, show-ing off her cleavage.

But Thanet council is miffed because he

didn't asking for POSTER GIRL: Yaice planning permission. Marino strikes a pose Not that he is likely to

get it because of conservation area zoning.

Mr Marino said: "I don't see what's
wrong with it. It does show a little bit of cleavage, but it's done tastefully. And this is my wife - I'm not exploiting someone else just to promote my business. I'm trying to put the place on the map so people know where to come for the best hairstyles in Kent."

A complaint was made to the council, which has written to Mr Marino telling him to take the poster down.

A council spokesman said: "For a

banner of this size and location, planning permission is required.

"We have written to the owner explaining this and also that planning permission for this advert would be unlikely as the

property is in a conservation area."

Mr Marino enjoys time in the limelight. Last year he appeared on Britain's Got Talent when he upset judge Simon Cowell by telling him he needed a more modern haircut.

## Anniversary exhibition for the boys of summer

■ BY **STEVE KNIGHT** 

REPORTS, photographs and memorabilia from one of Kent's oldest cricket clubs have gone on display for the first time.

This year Frindsbury Cricket Club, near Strood, celebrates its 125th anniversary, and to mark the occasion the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre is hosting a celebratory

Visitors are welcome to find out all about the team - which played its first match on May 9, 1886. The exhibition, which runs until Tuesday, August 3, was the brainchild of Frindsbury resident Tessa Towner, who is also chairwoman of the Friends of Medway Archives.

She said she was inspired to find out more about the club when she discovered how many members of her own family had been involved throughout its history.

"I own a team photograph that was taken in about 1908, and it's been in my family for as long as I can remember," said Mrs Towner.

"My grandfather is in the picture and I later found out that four other sons of my great-grandfather also played for Frindsbury.

"My youngest grandfan has instanted."

"My youngest grandson has just started playing for their under-11s side, too.

"I was born and bred in the village and I wanted to find out more about the club because



**MATCH DAY:** Tessa Towner's grandfather John Walter (umpire on the left) lines up for a team photo with members of Frindsbury Cricket Club. RIGHT: Scorecard from the first fixture.

of my love for Frindsbury. I discovered a lot of local connections and names that still pop up in the area today."

Due to a lack of other nearby teams at the time of Frindsbury's formation, the first match in its history was contested between the club's single men and its married men. The single 

photographs, the exhibition also features information on some of Frindsbury's most successful players.

These include Jim Stebbins, who in 1902 claimed a then-world-record eight wickets from eight balls, and future Kent representatives

Charlie Wright (1920s) and John Dye (1960s).

Mrs Towner revealed how the club was formed by several men, including the local vicar, the Rev William Hanson Jackson, and churchwarden Joseph Skilton - seven of whose sons also went on to play for the team.

She said: "It's strange because although the club has been around for 125 years you don't really hear a lot about it in the village any more. The team's had its ups and downs, but it's

still going strong today."

The exhibition is at the Clock Tower building, behind the site of the former Strood Civic Centre, and is open every day except Wednesdays and Sundays. Admission is free. Phone 01634 332714 for more information.

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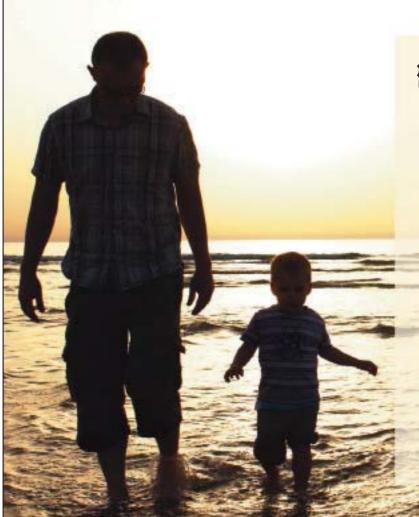


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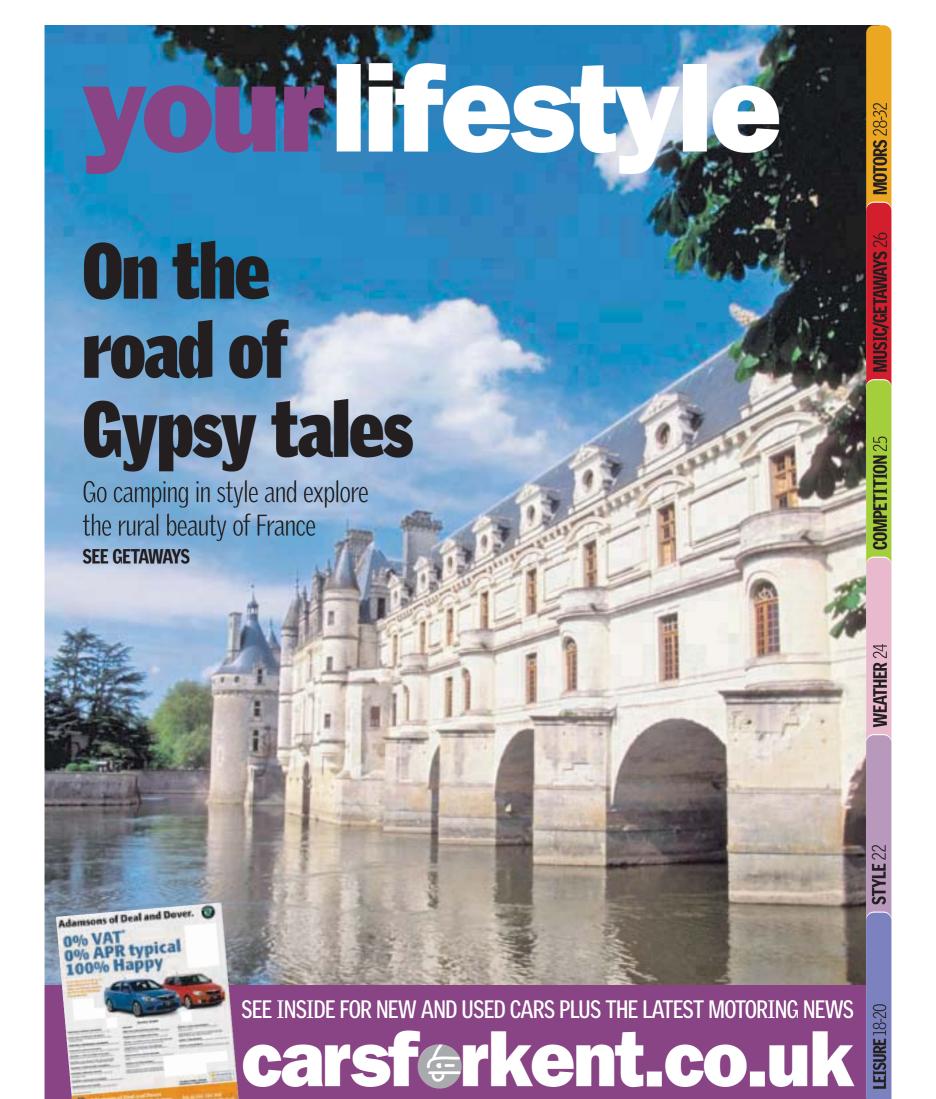
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POPULAR modern jazz quintet, Steve Parkin and the Parkin Lot, perform at the Grand in Folkestone from 8.30pm on Thursday.

Led by Parkin on trombone, the group comprises sax player Dave Corsby, guitarist Dave Davidson, drummer Ken West and bass player Nigel Beckett. Admission is £5. Call 01303 277175.

#### The roots of bluegrass

GET ready to tap your toes to an evening of bluegrass when Grassroots perform.

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Grassroots are at the Boathouse in Upstreet, near Canterbury, at 8.30pm on Friday. Tickets are £7 www.kent.folk.com/bluegrass www.wegottickets.com.

#### Final concert a classic

ONE man's journey through purgatory is told in Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius.

Canterbury Choral Society perform the piece at Canterbury Cathedral in their last concert of the season. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are priced from £8 to £25. Call 01227 787787 or visit www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk.

#### **Unite with world fusion**

SINCE the early 90s, musical collective Transglobal Underground has been winning fans all over the world.

The group brings its 'world fusion' sound to Folkestone with Unite – A Gathering of Strangers at Quarterhouse at 8pm on Thursday. Tickets, at £12/£10, can be booked online at www.quarter-house.co.uk or call 01303 858500.

#### **Enjoy summer of fun**

A FEAST of music talent can be enjoyed when the Summer of Fun Westcoast Mini Fest takes place in Margate this

Headliners will be Missing Andy on Saturday and The Rebs on Sunday, with six bands playing each day. Tickets cost £5/£8. The festival runs at Westcoast from 5pm to 11pm on Saturday and 4pm to 10pm on Sunday.

#### **Tempestuous drama**

MAGIC, love and revenge form the central themes of Shakespeare's gripping play, The Tempest.

Kent Shakespeare Company will be performing the show at Mount Ephraim Gardens, near Faversham, from tonight until Saturday, June 26, excluding Sunday. Gates open at 6.30pm and tickets are priced from £6 to £10. To book visit www.kentshakespeare.co.uk.



# Biennale brings best in new art

#### **2010 BIENNALE**

Thursday, April 26 Orchard Theatre, Dartford.

FOR the fifth year, Whitstable will become a hub of contemporary art as the 2010 Biennale gets under-

The diverse programme will explore many different aspects of performance and film, including major new works that have been commissioned especially for the Biennale.

A world premiere takes place in a sea container at Whitstable Harbour South Quay, when Phil Coy's Facade is screened for the first time. Narrated by television news presenter Julia Somerville, the film explores contemporary glass architecture while looking at the transparency of glass. The subtle film also explores the opaqueness of regeneration and is sure to captivate viewers. Facade will be open from 10am to 6pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

Pay a visit to the dead with Adam Chodzko's Ghost, a custom-built kayak which on some days will be paddled from Whitstable to Dead Man's Island off Sheerness. Once used as a burial site for those who died on the 19th century prison hulks moored off Swale, Dead Man's Island will prove an atmospheric destination for passengers and their rower.

Explore ideas of perception and vision with Anna Lucas's 16mm film, Things That Had Stories Rubbed Out. Using a collection of photos as a starting point, Lucas filmed artists and friends as they shared the experience of looking and the result is raw footage that gives glimpses of connections. The film will be shown in the garden of 28, Clifton Road from 10am to 6pm, Thursday to Sunday.

Nationally-important footage from the BFI and National Maritime Museum blends with local amateur footage in The Voyage of Nonsuch, a new film investigating the hidden world of English maritime film archives. The film by Karen Mirza and Ruth Beale can be seen at the Whitstable Museum and Gallery from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday and from 1-4pm on Sunday.

Katie Paterson has created a series of 13 works to take place throughout the festival, which she describes as 'a disparate orchestra'. From a black firework that cannot be seen to the sound of a dying star, Every Night About This Time promises to be a fascinating collection of works.

Themes of disappointment and failure appear in two films by Alex Pearl, inspired by a misunderstanding between Whitby, which is where Dracula landed in the famous novel, and Whitstable, home of Hammer horror star Peter Cushing.

In Ghosts, an obsession with Hammer horror films appears to conjure up three apparitions, while Call sees a male bingo caller crying out to the female bingo players of Whitstable.

The films can be seen at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre and the Royal British Legion.

Whitstable Library will be the venue for Table Read, a film that tells stories inspired by dreams. British artist Olivia Plender spent two months exchanging dreams with Unnar Orn of Iceland, with the resulting stories being played out for the camera.

The film can be seen at the library from 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

Greek-born artist Mikhail Karikis brings the second act of Xenon, his six-part 'exploded opera', to the Biennale and explores the idea of strangers and how we relate to them.

The performance features a group of unlike-

ly strangers meeting each other for the first time and the audience will also feel the effects of coming into contact with strangers

Xenon will be performed at the Umbrella Hall at 4.30pm and 7pm on Sunday, June 17 and at Main Beach at 4pm on Sunday, July 4.

Exciting young artists Sonia Uddin and Leah Elsey, who are pictured above, will be launching a new two-year project at the Whitstable Biennale, at a venue which had yet to be confirmed at the time of writing.

For full festival listings visit www.whitstablebiennale.com.



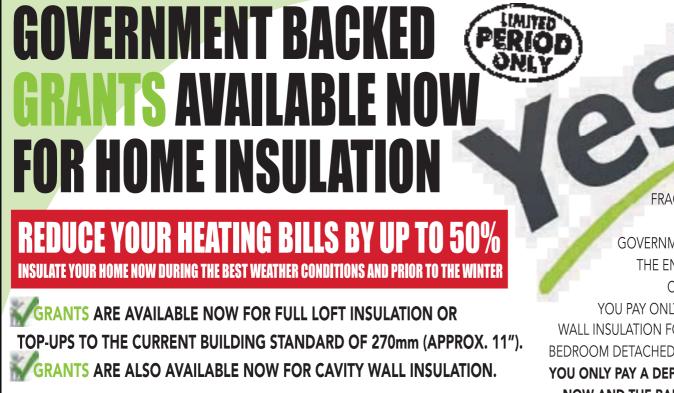
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Saturday, June 19 to Friday, June 25, Various Venues, Broadstairs



FOR more than 70 years, Broadstairs has been celebrating its connection to one of the world's greatest writers.

Charles Dickens was a regular visitor during the mid-1800s and he dubbed the town 'our English watering place'. Since 1937 the Broadstairs Dickens Festival has been celebrating this link to a literary icon.

The busy programme of events begins on Saturday with a Victorian country fair in Victoria Gardens, a costume exhibition at Crampton Tower Museum, an opening ceremony at Victoria Gardens at 3pm and the first

performance of the festival play, The Old Curiosity Shop, at the Broadstairs Pavilion.

Other highlights include a Victorian cricket match, perreferences of The Young David Copperfield by the Sarah Thorne Junior Drama Group and a Victorian bathing party. Festival-goers can take part in country dance and puppetry workshops, enjoy live entertain-ment at the Bandstand and even take coffee with costumed

Dickensians.
For the full listings visit www.broadstairsdickensfestival.co.uk



#### **BANDS AT THE BELMONT**

Saturday, June 19, Belmont Football Ground, Whitstable



FANS of live music can look forward to a fantastic evening when Bands at the Belmont gets underway this weekend.

With a fantastic line-up that includes X-Factor finalist Ben Mills, Rubber Biscuit and the ever-popular Hullabaloo, this weekend's event at Whitstable Town FC's Belmont ground promises to be bigger and better than ever. As Whitstable's biggest outdoor music event, the show will really welcome the summer in style with a high quality evening of jazz and blues

With profits being donated to

the football club, Bands at the Belmont also helps make a contribution to the local community.

Gates open at 5pm and the entertainment starts at 6pm. There will be food available, including a barbecue and hog roast, and all ages are welcome. Tickets have been selling fast, so people are urged to book as soon as possible to avoid disappoint-

Advance tickets cost £10 from Turbo Print in Whitstable's Oxford Street, Kent Estate Agencies in High Street and online at www.eventsatthebelmont.co.uk.

#### **GUTHRIE GOVAN**

Thursday, June 17, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



GUITARISTS have a rare chance to learn from the best when Guthie Govan visits Canterbury this

Widely considered one of the world's most accomplished guitarists, Govan has been described as 'totally freakin' awesome' by Joe Satriani. With his astonishing talent, technique and improvisational ability, this guitar virtuoso is one of the most significant new figures on the rock-fusion guitar scene.

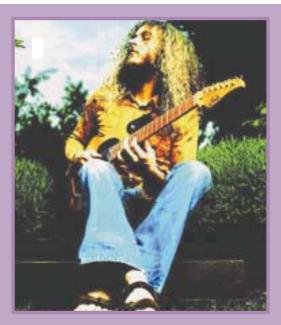
Govan will be giving a one-hour masterclass before the show, giving aspiring musicians the opportunity to pick up tips from this highly-acclaimed musician. Thursday's show boasts more than one guitar

hero, with renowned French guitarist Christophe Godin and his band Morglbl also on the bill. Bass player Iva Rougny and drummer Aurélian Ouzoulias will bring their outstanding talent to

what should be an unmissable performance.

Kent-based player Dudley Ross, endorsed by Vigier Guitars, completes the line-up with his band.

The masterclass starts at 6pm followed by the concert at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £12/£10 for the show and £20/£18 to include the masterclass. To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



#### **MARGATE'S BIG EVENT**

Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20, Palm Bay, Margate

LOOK to the skies this weekend as Margate's Big Event commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Enjoy a great family day out on Father's Day weekend as the Red Arrows and historic Spitfires recreate the dramatic World War II battle in a choreographed tribute above Thanet on Saturday. The Red Arrows will be making their first UK appearance since two of the plane's collided during a training session in Crete earlier this year.

On Sunday, the Red Arrows will be back to close the event, following a day of thrilling aerial action which will include the last Vulcan to leave the RAF in 1993.

Along with all the aerial excitement, there will be plenty going on at ground level with fairground rides, live music, street entertainment and a concert by the Magic of the Beatles on Saturday night. Margate's Big Event runs from 10am to 10pm on

Saturday and 10.30am to 6pm on Sunday. Admission costs £2 for adults and children over five.

To find out more call 01843 577577 or visit www.visitthanet.co.uk.



#### **JAMES MORRISON**

Thursday, June 24, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



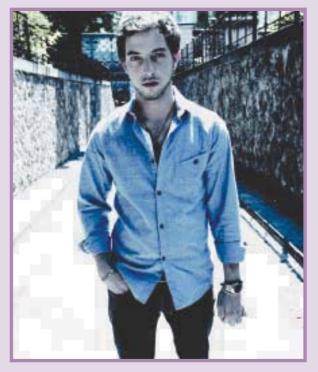
WITH just two albums under his belt James Morrison has already faced demand for a deluxe edition.

Last year, the young singer-songwriter released a special two-disc edition of his second album, Songs For You, Truths for Me. The album had already achieved double platinum status and last year Morrison was the biggest selling British solo artist in the UK. He nearly became the biggest sell-ing artist overall, beaten only by Michael

All this phenomenal success came relatively quickly for the young man who started out busking other people's songs. Eventually he began to write his own songs and hit the big time at the age of just 22 when his debut single, You Give Me Something, reached number five in the UK

His first album, Undiscovered, sold nearly 85,000 copies in its first week of release and achieved platinum status. His 2008 col-laboration with Nelly Furtado, Broken Strings, reached the number two spot in the UK and has sold more than half a million

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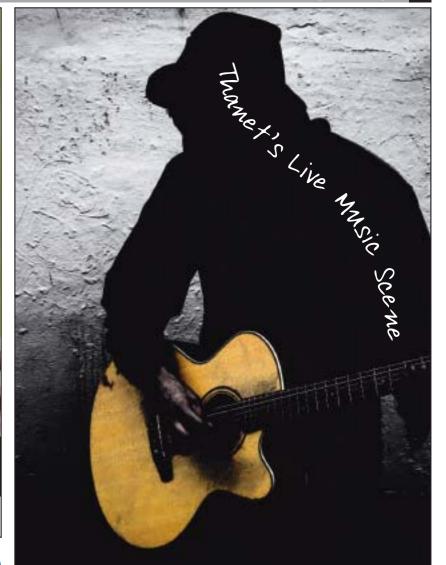
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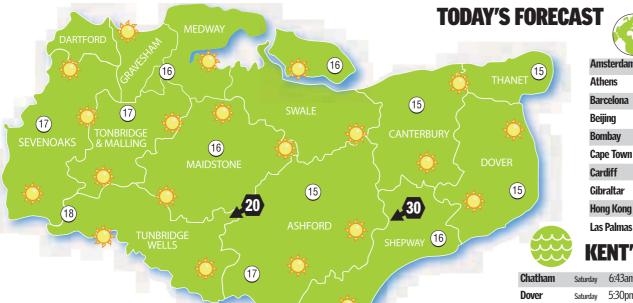
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Lounge On The Farm's strong reputation is built on programming the best in both local and internationally-renowned music alongside local, tasty food and drink and a full three days of alternative entertainment, this year spearheaded by a new comedy stage headlined by Phill Jupitus.

Over the past five years this boutique music festival has grown from a small gathering of 1,000 people in 2006 to an award-winning, acclaimed fixture of the UK's summer festival calendar, and we've got three

pairs of Weekend Tickets to give away for this year's event.

Festivals aren't just about the music anymore. We all want to see bands, but music festivals are as much about catching up with friends old and new, discovering hidden talents and generally lounging about. Well we certainly think so, and that's why at LOTF 2010 there will be EVEN MORE madness to find yourself embroiled in over the three days.

From a comedy tent headlined by Phill Jupitus and Howard Marks to early morning keep fit classes on the bandstand, there's a



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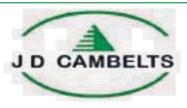
feast of treats to tickle your fancy. The Playhouse is expanding to two stages, with workshops, performance and dance throughout. There's an all new Strummerville campfire in the Furthur field to gather round and recollect stories at. The Solar Cinema is back with an awesome line-up of alt cinema. And there's also a whole host of weird and wonderful characters roaming the festival all weekend (they're actually entertainers – not just you punters!)

Anyway, you get the picture. There's a lot on. To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to LOTF 2010 Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is June 25, 2010.

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## It'd be Bad Manners not to go to LOTF



**SKA SUPREMO:** Buster Bloodvessel has been booked to perform at the festival

#### BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

LOUNGE on the Farm's line-up latest is brought to you in association with the letter 'b', as in Bad Manners and a big bass legend.

Ska supremos Bad Manners fronted by energetic singer Buster Bloodvessel – have been booked to perform as the Canterbury three-dayer's penultimate act, taking to the stage before Toots & The Maytals.

The 2-Tone rockers will work their way through all their biggest hits, including the anthemic Lip Up Fatty, My Girl Lollipop and their unforgettable version of the Can Can.

Bassist Jah Wobble, who burst onto the music scene in former Sex Pistols singer John Lydon's Public Image Ltd, will headline the Further Stage on the second night of the festival.

A Lounge spokesman said: "From PiL, Invaders of the Heart, Chinese Dub Orchestra and The English Roots Band, Wobble's bass odysseys are as legendary as the man himself and are sure to be taking you much Further."

Other acts joining the bill include Sunderland's latest indie exports Frankie and the Heartstrings and neo-psychedelic post-punksters The Television Personalities.

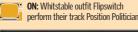
BBC Radio 1's man with his finger on the indie pulse, Huw Stephens, will host the Sheep Dip on the final day of the festival, introducing a wealth of new and undiscovered talents, including quirky Brightonian leftfield popsters Pope Joan, Young Legionnaire, who feature ex Young Yourcodenameismilo man Paul Mullen, Bloc Party's Gordon Moakes and La Roux's drummer William Bowerman, and Club Royale

LOTF takes place at Merton Farm, Canterbury, from Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11. Among the headliners are

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## Gypsy tales from rural France

#### BY ANN GRAHAM

"WHERE are you going?" asked a bright-eyed Nicolas behind the Avis car-rental counter at Lyon airport.

"Good question," I answered as I dug out the map of France from my handbag, along with my French phrasebook and dictionary

We are from New Zealand – known to many as Middle Earth – and you can't get much further away than that.

However, now we were faced with driving on the wrong side of the road as well as deciphering French road signs – all in the name of a holiday.

Did I really want to be in the middle of nowhere, somewhere in the French countryside? Was this what I'd signed up to when I agreed to take a green weekend break?

It was too late to back out now, so we set off from Lyon airport with our destination broadly agreed as the middle of nowhere.

As we continued, stone houses came into view, overflowing flower baskets dazzling with colour hung from windowsills and there in front of us – almost 200 miles from Lyon airport – was a field of roulottes, better known in the UK as gypsy-style caravans. We had arrived.

"Bonjour," roared the voice of our host from behind his desk. A tall Frenchman with a twinkle in his eye handed over the key, linen for our bed and two pages of instructions. His English was much better than our French, but we needed stick-fig-

ure drawings to communicate.
"Jehanne," he said, pointing to a sketch of the paddock, "is blue."

Jehanne was nestled next to Isabeau and just down the path from Guinevere - all of which were beautifully painted, wooden gypsy wagons. This was camping without canvas.

Canvas Holidays has introduced these cosy bohemian caravans on four parks in the heart of rural France: Correze, in the Limousin; Vienne in Poitou-Charentes; Gers in the Midi Pyrenees and Allier in Auvergne. All are a day or two's drive from Calais.

Marketed to holidaymakers who want a close-to-nature lifestyle, these sites are a fantastic way to dis-

#### FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference +One hours (GMT) Capital Language French **Population** About 65,500,000 Currency Euro (1.2 to £1) Religion Christianity (Roman Catholic)



Anne Graham was a guest of Canvas Holidays, which offers seven nights' self-catering from June 1 in a roulotte de campagne (sleeping five) from £465, including midweek Dover-Calais ferry crossings for car and passengers.

Peak-season prices in August start at £932. Canvas travel pack includes holiday guide to living and driving in Europe, and detailed France map with roulotte locations.

Canvas deducts £50 from the package price of those who book accommodation-only breaks, and also arranges budget flights from various regional airports. Canvas Holidays: 0845 268 0827 and www.canvasholidays.co.uk.

Anne Graham paid £276 for two return Easyjet flights from Stansted to Lyon.

cover small villages, traditional markets and the smell of freshlybaked baguettes.

Situated only a short drive from motorways and sleeping up to five, the roulottes are ideal for young families and couples looking to relax in total peace and quiet or to stop enroute to break a long journey.

Jehanne, our caravan in the wide open spaces of Allier, gave us a warm welcome. She was beautifully presented inside and out, and wooden walls and floors gave us an 'up close and personal with nature' feeling.

Better equipped than our London flat, Jehanne offered impressive cooking facilities (compact stove top, microwave, toaster, kettle, pots and pans, fridge/freezer), five-star hotel bathroom facilities and even a flush toilet - almost unheard of in the camping world.

Shuttered windows and portholes

opened out to the greenery beyond.

Deep in the middle of nowhere, it was peaceful, tranquil and idyllic.

Although roulottes are equipped with bedding, washing and cooking facilities, you still need to be prepared.

Our nearest village was nine miles away, squashing any romantic dreams I had of walking down the country lane to buy warm croissants for breakfast.

Perhaps an entrepreneurial local will start biking around with a basket filled with French pastries, but until that happens, stock up!

Besides a plentiful supply of breakfast cereals, bread and milk, you'll need some entertainment - particularly for the kids. The complex has a children's playground complete with flying fox, petanque court, table tennis and swimming pool.

There are walks to explore and a stream nearby for a spot of fishing but some board games, craft books and a football or Frisbee to throw around will ensure your holiday is stress-free.

For a day out, there is the eco-friendly Vulcania theme park in the Parc Naturel Regional des Volcans d'Auvergne (Regional Nature Park of the Volcanoes of Auvergne).

Within ten miles of Clermont-Ferrand, L'Aventure de la terre offers interactive education rides and activities such as the Grand Geyser, Planet Observer, the Magical Odyssey and the Earth's Rage.

As a young couple, free of responsibility, we left Blackberries and laptops at home and took only books and newspapers to read between lieins and afternoon naps.

Will I ever return to a true camping holiday? For now, I'm definitely a convert for camping without canvas.



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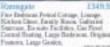












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## **Broadstairs bank points** with victory over HSBC

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## **Kent League Division Two HSBC 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI**

BROADSTAIRS have climbed into the Division Two promotion places after they recorded their third win of the season, by 59 runs against HSBC on Saturday.

Captain Scott Narraway won the toss, chose to bat first and his side compiled an impressive total of 256 for 5 from their 50 overs.

HSBC, who have struggled so far this season, again failed to fire and they scored 197 before the last wicket went down in the 48th over of their response.

## **Thrashed**

Broadstairs are now second, 12 points behind leaders Tenterden, who thrashed High Halstow by 118 runs at Rayners Meadow on

Sandwich Town managed to leave Cheriton Road with a losing draw as Folkestone failed to take the final wicket they needed for victory in Division One.

The hosts posted 254 for 8 from their 50 overs, with Himanshu Waingankar hitting 92



**IMPRESSIVE INNINGS:** The Broadstairs total was too much for the HSBC batsmen to chase at the weekend and Ryan ten Doeschate adding 76 while Craig Španton took 4 for 64.

In reply, Sandwich made an awful start and

slumped to 57 for 7 by the time Spanton joined Tom Chapman at the crease. The pair added 61for the eighth wicket, with Chapman going on to score 86 not out, but still Folkestone looked favourites to claim the win.

However, Sandwich skipper Matthew van Poppel proved to be an immovable object as he blocked out 24 deliveries to ensure his side left with six points.

In Division 1A East of the Regional League, Old Hartsdonians fell to a four-wicket defeat at the hands of Street End. Batting first, the Old Boys struggled along to 161 all out with captain Dave Wheeler top-scoring

Street End made light work of the run-chase, claiming victory inside 30 overs with Paul Walker leading the way with a knock of 48.

Westgate-on-Sea fared no better in their Premier Division game at Cowdrey, where the hosts won by 57 runs to move second in the

Lewis Wright hit 71 in Cowdrey's total of 205 and Gayashan Munasinghe then took  $5\,$ for 39 as Westgate were all out for 148, despite 37 from Keith Sandwell.

Broadstairs' 2nd XI came unstuck at home to Old Wilsonians, where the visitors easily reached their victory target of 146 to seal a seven-wicket win.

Geoff Pine gave Broadstairs hope with a knock of 60 not out but Akshav Kumar-Sharma took 5 for 31 and Suresh Sharma then hit 78 as Wilsonians wrapped up their win in the 38th over.

## **FOOTBALL**



**PREPARATION:** Iain O'Connell says players will reap rewards from competitive pre-season fixtures

## Tough pre-season fixtures to benefit Blues, says boss

MARGATE may not be taking on any big names this pre-season, but manager Iain O'Connell believes their more humble opponents will provide the perfect preparation.

The Blues face Dover Athletic at Crabble on August 3, but their five other friendlies are against teams below them in the non-league pyramid, with three Kent derbies among those arranged.

O'Connell takes his side to Faversham Town on July 24, and the Gate then travel to Whitstable Town on August 7, before Ashford Town visit Hartsdown Park three days later.

Margate will also take on O'Connell's previous club, Great Wakering Rovers, on July 31, and they conclude their pre-season programme with another trip to Essex as they visit East Thurrock United on August 14.

Hopes of taking on Gillingham fizzled out but O'Connell insisted he is happier with the fixtures which lie ahead than by any more glamorous clashes.

He said: "I've had pre-season games against teams from higher leagues and it didn't do us any good. You don't get a lot of the ball so it doesn't make you comfortable with the ball.

"We want to get a lot of possession in the games we've got. With the teams we're up against, it should make it quite competitive and hopefully we can get through without

O'Connell says he is now looking to bring in just one more player ahead of the new season, with his squad returning for pre-season training on June 28.

The early signings of Allan Tait, Laurence Ball and Craig Cloke, combined with the Ryman League's later start date (August 21), should give O'Connell sufficient time to ensure Margate hit the ground running.

"It's so important to get off to a good start because it gives you confidence," he said. "Dartford did it last year and even though they stumbled at the end, they had already

## Club swimmers shine in medal haul

## **SWIMMING**

THANET Swim Club are celebrating once again following a series of superb performances at the South East Region competition at Crawley on Saturday.

The club's boys were in particularly fine form and Jamie O'Connor was the headline act as he swam to six gold medals in the ten-

year-old age group.
O'Connor took top honours in the 100, 200 and 400-metre freestyle, 100 and 200m butterfly and 200m individual medley, while three of his team-mates also got themselves among the top placings.

Harry Bradford, 11, took gold in the 800m freestyle, with Jordan Brett and Alexander

Wilmhurst following in second and third.

The trio also swam in the 800m freestyle, with Brett second, Bradford third and Wilmhurst fourth. Alongside O'Connor and Dominic Matthews, 12, the boys were presented with British age group category awards for their overall performances.

Thanet's leading performers were Laura Craig, 12 and Kyri Papa-Adams, 13, who also picked up age group awards for their impressive displays.

Craig swam to fourth in both the 200m individual medley and 200m breaststroke while Papa-Adams matched her position in the 100m breaststroke and 200m freestyle.



FINE PERFORMANCES: From left, Jordan Brett, Jamie O'Connor, Dominic Matthews, Harry Bradford and Alexander Wilmhurst with head coach David Whorlow

The 11 Thanet swimmers who have now secured national qualifying times are O'Connor, Bradford, Brett, Wilmhurst, Craig, Papa-Adams, Libby Hensen, Tom Rust, Kelly Henson, Charlotte Davies and

## **GOLF**

## THERE was disappointment for Jason Green at the Kent Amateur Golf Championships last weekend as the Thanet-based player made an early exit at Langley Park Golf Club.

Representing Broadstairs' North Foreland Golf Club, Green was drawn against Ryan Bowers in the first round of the Hetherington Salver, but it was the Sundridge Park golfer

## Green out in first round of Kent title bid

who came out on top. Having seen off Green, Bowers then went on to beat Ryan Boyns in the last eight but his run ended at the semi-final when he lost to eventual runner-up

The Salver was won by Dartford's Darren Crabb, while Kevin O'Connell, of Shooters Hill, claimed the title of Kent Amateur champion

and he will now represent Kent in the 'Champion of Champions' tournament at Woodhall Spa on September 19.

There was treble joy for Rochester & Cobham's Alfie Plant, whose 36-hole score of 133 was enough to see him lift the Scratch Cup (best gross score), Astor Cup (best net) and Simpson Cup (best under-25 gross).

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